



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 1, 2017 | Denver, Colorado

BOARD MEMBERS

Mike Coast, Dave Snow, Buckley Brinkman, Mark Chalfant, Karen Fite, Tom Bugnitz, Loren Lyon, Migdalia Rosario, Dave Snow, Ethan Karp, Buckley Brinkman, Ron Lehman,

ATTENDEES

Carrie Hines, Kelly Buchanan, John Lloyd, Tony Richards, John Kennedy, Mike O'Donnell, Carroll Thomas, Phil Singerman

Vice-Chairman Coast called the meeting to order at 8:15 PM (ET).

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Ron Lehman made a motion to update the minutes to reflect he was an attendee of the March 30 meeting. Appropriate changes were made to those minutes. After the update, Buckley Brinkman made a motion to approve the minutes of March 21, 2017 and March 30, 2017. Tom Bugnitz seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

REVIEW OF FY17 FINANCIALS

Hines provided an update on outstanding dues, as well as the changes with the Balance Sheet. Year-end projections were presented to the board. Ron Lehman made a motion to approve the financials. Loren Lyon seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

ADVOCACY UPDATE

Appropriations/Advocacy Strategy Update

On April 30 negotiators reached an agreement to fund the federal government through the remainder of fiscal year 2017. The funding will be provided through a massive bill called an omnibus that encompasses the remaining 11 appropriations bills, which did not pass individually. The bill provides \$130 million for the MEP program for FY17 which runs through September 30th.

Hines provided the board with an overview of the advocacy efforts that are taking place for the FY18 Appropriations and the advocacy plans moving forward.

CQ Engage & Advocacy Activity

The CQ Engage tool has been launched and advocacy analytics have been reviewed. Following a discussion of the analytics, board members will begin connecting with inactive Centers to discuss increasing their involvement.

REVIEW OF POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

Hines provided an overview on how the formation of a PAC fits into our overall advocacy strategy. This piece helps us connect with Members of Congress, specifically Appropriators, that we might not have access too.

ADJOURNMENT

Ron Lehman moved to adjourn the meeting. Dave Snow seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.